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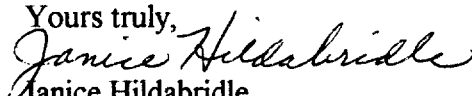
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Food and Drug Administration  
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Re: Dockets 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

The FDA was petitioned in April, 1998, to ban forced molting of hens. I think that this petition should be granted without further delay because the practice of starving animals is extremely cruel and results in contaminating the hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs with infectious diseases.

The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices that injure human health and should therefore prohibit forced molting instead of putting bacteria warning labels on egg cartons.

If a person starved a dog or a cat for 14 days, they would face criminal charges for cruelty to animals. Aren't farm animals capable of suffering too? Please grant the petition to ban forced molting now.

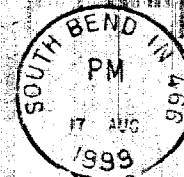
Yours truly,  
  
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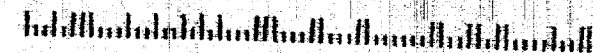


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